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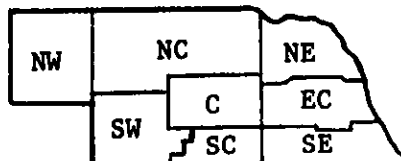
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## WEATHER

Fast warming and cooling temperatures occurred throughout the week with temperatures averaging near normal. Precipitation fell early in the period averaging less than a half inch over the north central portion and up to three-fourths to an inch elsewhere.

## GENERAL

Showers early in the week helped supply needed moisture to winter wheat seedings but delayed harvesting temporarily. Harvesting resumed in full force the last half of the week as weather conditions were ideal. Crop yields were rated good to excellent across much of the State.

Topsoil moisture supplies improved last week and were rated adequate in 37% and short in 63% of the counties. Subsoil moisture levels were similar with 40% adequate and 60% short. A year ago, topsoil moisture was adequate or better in 71% and short in only 29% while subsoil moisture was adequate in 86% of the State.

## CROPS

Harvesting of the State's corn crop neared 70% completion, about the same as

## CROPS (Cont.)

last year but slightly ahead of the normal rate of 60%. Many farmers in the central and south central counties were finishing their harvest activities at the end of the week.

Grain sorghum harvest was 85% complete, slightly ahead of last year and normal of 80%.

Soybeans were 90% harvested, ahead of last year's 80% and the normal rate of 85%.

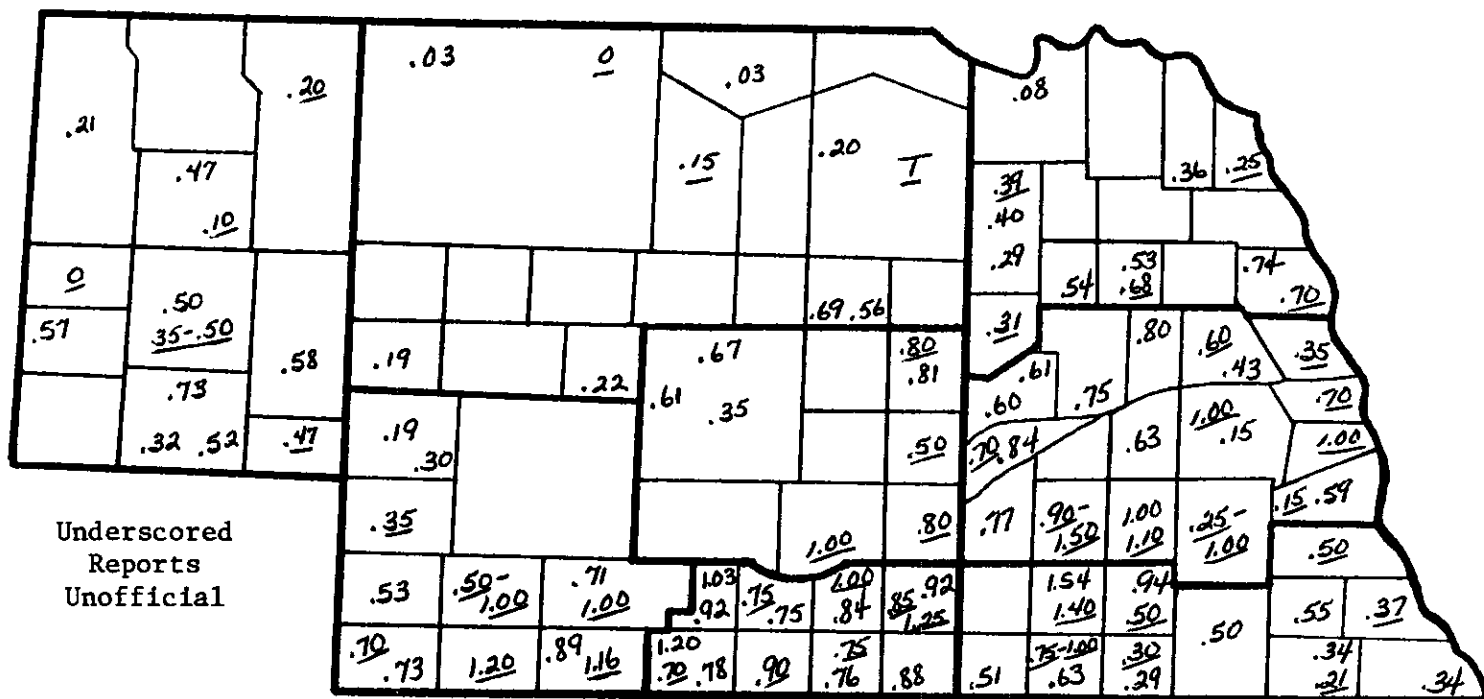
Winter wheat condition improved last week and was reported in good to excellent condition in 45% of the counties, fair in 43% and poor in 12%. Rainfall early last week helped the wheat crop in most areas.

Sugar beet and dry bean harvest was near completion in the Panhandle and southwestern counties.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated adequate or better in 60% of the State with some added moisture last week. Livestock continued to move into harvested row crop fields for grazing. Feeder cattle sales have been somewhat slow due to harvest activities.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1978



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1978

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	80	23	47	--	.06
	Scottsbluff	81	26	49	+3	.11
	Sidney	73	26	45	--	0
NC	Burwell	75	19	46	--	.04
	Valentine	78	15	45	0	T
NE	Norfolk	75	26	47	-1	.06
	Sioux City	74	26	46	-2	.07
CEN	Grand Island	75	27	48	-1	0
EC	Lincoln	76	27	48	-2	T
	Omaha	75	30	49	-1	T
SW	Imperial	79	29	48	--	T
	North Platte	73	22	45	-1	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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